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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 6702

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, ENRG, EEWT, UR, US, TECH

SUBJECT: FURTHER SOVIET VIEWS ON OUTLOOK FOR OIL

: MOSCOW 6601

1. ASKING THAT INFORMATION BE PROTECTED, BRITISH  
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HUDSON RELATED TO E/C COUNSELOR MAY 12  
THAT BRITISH ENERGY MINISTER BENN ASKED NEW SOVIET  
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES MAL'TSEV DIRECT QUESTION  
ABOUT SOVIET OIL FORECAST IN LIGHT OF RECENT CIA STUDY.

2. ACCORDING TO HUDSON, MAL'TSEV INQUIRED WHETHER  
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SCHLESINGER (SIC) COULD HAVE PREDICTED TEN YEARS AGO THE  
CURRENT BRITISH OIL SITUATION. MAL'TSEV ADDED: "EXPLORA-  
TION IS GOING ON EVERYWHERE AND DISCOVERIES ARE BEING MADE."  
ACCORDING TO HUDSON, WHO WAS PRESENT, IT WAS NOT CLEAR  
WHETHER MAL'TSEV WAS REFERRING TO EXPLORATION AND  
DISCOVERY IN THE USSR OR GLOBALLY, AND SINCE THE SOVIET  
MINISTER APPEARED SO DEFENSIVE ON THE POINT, BENN OPTED NOT

TO PROBE FURTHER.

3. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS RECENTLY REPORTED COMMENTS BY USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES VICE PRESIDENT SIDORENKO ON THE ASSURANCE OF MINERALS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY UP TO THE YEAR 2000. REFERRING TO OIL AND GAS, SIDORENKO REFERRED TO ACTIVITY IN THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD AIMED AT DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR THE ELEVENTH (1981-85), TWELFTH (1986-1990) AND SUBSEQUENT PERIODS. ACCORDING TO HIM, SCIENTIFIC SUBSTANTIATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO OIL-PROSPECTING WORK IN THE NORTH OF TYUMEN PROVINCE (SEE PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING ON THIS POINT), DEEPER LAYERS OF THE WEST SIBERIAN DEPRESSION AND THE NOVOSIBIRSK REGION WHERE THE PRESENCE OF "PALEOZOIC" OIL IS PRESUMED. PROSPECTING AND DRILLING OPERATIONS BY GEOLOGISTS ARE TO START OFF THE SIBERIAN PLATFORM. WORK IN YAKUTIA AND EASTERN SIBERIA WILL HAVE TO BE ACCELERATED, ACCORDING TO SIDORENKO, AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES CONTINUED IN THE KAMCHATKA AND CHUKOTSKY PENINSULAS. TOON

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